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SEMCOG supports the efforts of Representative Kooiman to provide transit operators with additional fiscal tools to fund needed transit improvements. However, SEMCOG opposes House Bill 5560 as introduced . The bill should not be limited to only certain transit operators or certain areas of the state, but should be made available to all transit authorities. This legislation could be an excellent vehicle for both southeast Michigan, Grand Rapids and transit operators throughout the state.

SEMCOG fully agrees that Kent County citizens should have this funding option. However, it is SEMCOG's opinion that the same opportunity should be available to all Michigan citizens.